Amount spent to fight against terrorism in J&K

†1099. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total amount spent by Government to fight against terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir during the last ten years; and

(b) the total number of common citizens killed and the total property lost during these years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND): (a) Apart from the expenditure incurred by the State Government of Jammu & Kashmir as also expenditure on security forces deployed in the State, the Central Government has reimbursed during the financial year 1993-94 to 2002-03 Rs. 2404.34 crores by way of grant in aid under the Security Related Expenditure Scheme to the Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir to meet the expenditure incurred by it on security related expenditure on police, Election related security expenditure and Relief and Rehabilitation expenditure on Kashmir Migrants, Border migrants, Ex-gratia relief to the next of kin of terrorist violence etc.

(b) Total number of civilians killed during the period between 1994 and July 15, 2003 is 9215. Total properties destroyed during the period from 1994 to May, 2003 are 7361 which include Government buildings (444), Educational buildings (389), Bridges (80), Hospitals (11), private houses (5364) and shops (1073).

Death due to heat wave

1100. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that hundreds of poor people died due to intense heat wave in the summer of 2003;

(b) whether it is a fact that the deaths assumed a proportion of catastrophe;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the CM of Andhra Pradesh wrote to Prime Minister to extend financial help to the bereaved families; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) if so, the progress in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND): (a) and (b) During the summer season, many parts of the country experience intense heat wave conditions. In Andhra Pradesh, 1664 persons are reported to have died due to heat wave conditions during 2003.

(c) and (d) This being a State subject, it is primarily for the States to take steps to provide relief to the people. Assistance to the State Governments for relief is in accordance with the norms laid down by the Finance Commissions. As per the norms laid down by the Eleventh Finance Commission, assistance from Calamity Relief Fund and National Calamity Contingency Fund is available only for specified calamities like earthquakes, floods, drought, fire, cyclones and hailstorms. The concerned State Government is to provide assistance from their own resources to the affected families in other contingencies like heat waves/ cold waves etc.

Multiplicity of authorities in Delhi

1101. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that multiplicity of authorities has become the bone of Delhi causing impediments to all developmental works including those relating to water, electricity, environment etc;

(b) whether Government are also aware of the woes of residents of Delhi who attribute the reason of the malady to this multiplicity; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard and the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) to (c) To remove the difficulties arising out of multiplicity of authorities, a proposal to confer statehood on Delhi is under consideration.